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TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM SCHAUFEELE; WH FOR BRZEZINSKI ONLY

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TAGS: PFOR, TZ, UG

SUBJECT: NYERERE/MUGANDA COMMENTS ON UGANDA

REFS: (A) DAR ES SALAAM 828 (B) DAR ES SALAAM 913

1. WE ARE ENTIRELY IN AGREEMENT WITH YOUR NEGATIVE RE-ACTION TO IDEAS HINTED AT BY PRESIDENT NYERERE AND MADE MORE EXPLICIT BY MUGANDA. WE BELIEVE YOUR MEASURED RESPONSE WAS CORRECT IN BOTH INSTANCES, AND HAD IT NOT BEEN THAT NYERERE DIRECTED MUGANDA TO FOLLOW UP, WE WOULD HAVE INSTRUCTED YOU TO MAKE NO REPLY UNLESS SUBJECT WAS RAISED AGAIN.

2. IN VIEW OF MUGANDA'S APPROACH, WE SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE  
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FOR A FURTHER "CHAT" ON THIS SUBJECT EITHER THROUGH MUGANDA OR DIRECTLY WITH NYERERE AT YOUR DISCRETION AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

(A) LIKE TANZANIA, THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN UGANDA, ESPECIALLY WITH THE TRAGIC DISREGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HAVE SPOKEN OUT ABOUT

THESE THINGS PUBLICLY AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO WHEREVER  
AND WHENEVER IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE.

(B) WE APPRECIATE TANZANIA'S CONCERN WITH THESE MATTERS  
AND THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE  
FEW AFRICAN LEADERS TO GIVE HONEST PUBLIC EXPRESSION TO  
HIS CONDEMNATION OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN UGANDA. WE CAN  
SYMPATHIZE AT THE FACT THAT AMIN'S BEHAVIOR HAS BECOME A  
SOURCE OF ACUTE EMBARRASSMENT TO MANY AFRICANS, AND WE  
SHARE THEIR CONCERN AT THE DAMAGE SUCH ACTIONS DO TO THE  
AFRICAN CAUSE.

(C) THE UNITED STATES HAS ITS PRINCIPLES AND WILL ADHERE  
TO THEM. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT AFRICA SHOULD BE KEPT  
FREE OF EXTERNAL INTERVENTION, ESPECIALLY GREAT POWER  
INTERVENTION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ASSUME A  
MANDATE TO INTERVENE IN UGANDA'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL  
STRIFE.

(D) WE AND OTHERS DO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE A  
STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO PRESS FOR AN END TO THE  
GROSS VIOLATIONS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN UGANDA, AS WE DO  
WHEREVER THEY MAY OCCUR, BE IT IN THE SOVIET UNION, SOUTH  
AFRICA, OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY. THE WEIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL  
PUBLIC OPINION IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE IN SUCH MATTERS.

(E) IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WERE DISTRESSED AT THE  
TOTALLY INADEQUATE TREATMENT OF THIS QUESTION RECENTLY BY  
THE MAJORITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IF OTHER  
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NATIONS ARE UNWILLING TO URGE EVEN IMPARTIAL INTER-  
NATIONAL INVESTIGATION, THEN A MAJOR AVENUE FOR EXPOSING  
THE PROBLEM AND ENCOURAGING CORRECTION WILL BE LOST.

(F) WHILE THE PROBLEMS AMIN CAUSES FOR AFRICA ARE  
PRIMARILY OF AFRICAN CONCERN, THE WIDER HUMAN PROBLEMS ARE  
OF WORLD CONCERN. BUT IF AFRICANS DO NOT THEMSELVES  
SPEAK OUT, THE WORLD IS INHIBITED IN SAYING OR DOING MORE.

(G) OUR EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH AMIN, ESPECIALLY  
DURING THE PAST WEEK, IS THAT INFLUENCE FROM OTHER  
AFRICANS CAN HAVE SOME EFFECT ON AMIN. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE  
THE SENSITIVITY IN AFRICA TO CRITICIZING THE DOMESTIC  
AFFAIRS OF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AFRICANS SHOULD LOOK  
MORE CAREFULLY AT THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTER-  
ESTS OF BLACK AFRICA AS A WHOLE WHEN THEY SEE CASES OF  
EXCESSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS.

(H) AFRICANS SHOULD ALSO BE CONCERNED ABOUT EXTRA-

CONTINENTAL POWERS WHOSE SUPPORT FOR AMIN HELPS PRESERVE  
HIM IN POWER. SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO  
VOICING THOSE CONCERNS TO THOSE OUTSIDE POWERS WITH THE  
AIM OF SECURING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR AMIN.

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